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**PATENT**

BHG&L Case 8627/405

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Kieran P. J. Murphy :

Serial No.: 09/594,685 :

Filed: June 16, 2000 :

Group Art Unit: 3732

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR STRENGTHENING  
VERTEBRAL BODIES :

Examiner: Eduardo C. Robert

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

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Sir:

In reviewing the file of this Application, it was noted that the inventor is listed as "Kieran P. J. Mirphy, residence, NOT PROVIDED" on the filing receipt dated August 8, 2000. The last name of the inventor is mis-spelled, *i.e.*, "Mirphy" should be spelled "Murphy". Also, the Inventor's Declaration filed January 8, 2001, shows that the inventor's residence is Baltimore, Maryland. Accordingly, a corrected filing receipt is requested.

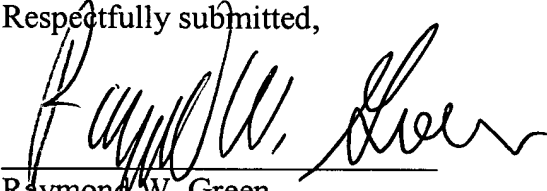
A Power of Attorney in favor of Attorneys at BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE, including the undersigned, was filed by facsimile on December 16, 2003, and accepted December 22, 2003. Accordingly, the correspondence address and attorney docket number are no longer as listed on the filing receipt dated August 8, 2000. Furthermore, the Application is now being examined in Group Art Unit 3732.

A copy of the filing receipt dated August 8, 2000, marked up to show the corrections and changes, is enclosed. While ordinarily a change of attorneys does not necessitate a change of the correspondence address *on the filing receipt*, it is requested that the current correspondence address be shown on the corrected filing receipt, so that the corrected filing receipt will be sent to the current correct address:

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The need for a corrected filing receipt was discussed on January 12, 2004, between Examiner Eduardo Robert and the undersigned. The courtesy of the telephone discussion is noted with appreciation. In that telephone discussion, Examiner Robert stated that the PTO records currently indicate that the inventor's residence is Baltimore, Maryland, but that the inventor's surname is mis-spelled in the PTO records as "Mirphy", and that a corrected filing receipt should therefore be requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant

Foreign Applications

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Title

Method and apparatus for strengthening vertebral bodies

Preliminary Class

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